



USDA DAILY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

~ Livestock, Meat, Pelt, & Wool Markets ~

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NATIONAL U.S. DAILY LAMB CARCASS REPORT

Negotiated sales for delivery within 14 calendar days, FOB Plant basis

DAILY CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4 Head 5,707

Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	167	280.74
45-55#	178	235.00
55-65#	1,111	223.34
65-75#	2,003	218.42
75-85#	1,573	215.73
85-UP	675	212.64

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USDA NATIONAL LAMB ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT REPORT

Week Ending 11/22/2008: Actual FIS Sheep Slaughter 45,776 head. 43,550 Lambs, 95.1% of total Sheep Slaughtered. 34,449 graded, 79.10% of total Lambs slaughtered. 276 Certified Schedule CL, 0.80% of total Lambs graded.

GRADE BREAKDOWN	Yield Grade	(May include hindsaddles)			
Quality	1	2	3	4	5
Prime	0.00%	1.79%	3.81%	1.82%	0.60%
Choice	4.78%	30.75%	43.25%	10.95%	2.25%
Total %	4.78%	32.54%	47.06%	12.77%	2.85%

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NATIONAL 5-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE BOXED LAMB CUTS - NEGOTIATED SALES

FOB Plant basis negotiated sales for delivery within 0-21 day period, fresh and frozen carlot volume, including sales since last report, U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

Current Volume	
Fresh Cuts	1,288,855 pounds
Frozen Cuts	285,142 pounds

Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades.

FRESH CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
202	Foresaddle	6	1,859	\$286.79	0.41
203	Bracelet	5	2,276	\$315.29	
204	Rack, 8-Rib, light	21	2,443	\$645.43	25.82
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	66	14,978	\$535.87	(2.78)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	27	10,154	\$502.72	1.17
204A	Rack, chined	28	6,843	\$623.42	(3.54)
204B	Rack, roast-ready	35	10,200	\$895.01	(35.77)
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	144	27,093	\$1,072.71	(58.59)
204D	Rack, roast-ready, special	26	5,254	\$1,404.96	(52.73)
206	Shoulders	121	169,497	\$184.61	1.00
207	Shoulders, square-cut	204	142,429	\$230.72	1.65
208	Shoulders, square-cut, bnl	18	2,265	\$401.55	(12.21)
209	Breast	99	35,043	\$92.19	1.08
	Breast, bulk	38	36,826	\$73.86	(3.47)
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	24	1,246	\$327.99	(24.09)
210	Foreshank	276	40,905	\$310.69	0.20
229	Hindsaddle, long-cut	3	505	\$317.01	0.11
230	Hindsaddle	5	1,809	\$265.76	4.78
231	Loins	28	5,468	\$314.16	(0.13)
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	73	16,484	\$396.09	(1.99)
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	6	3,349	\$613.71	(1.70)
232A	Loins, short-cut, 2x2	20	9,198	\$604.42	9.41
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	81	18,462	\$611.19	8.66
232A	Loins, short-cut, 0x0	48	14,596	\$651.31	(22.26)
232C	Loin, boneless, tied	8	213	\$1,049.75	
232E	Flank, untrimmed	27	20,475	\$50.19	(1.02)
233	Legs	95	48,952	\$263.94	2.39
233A	Leg, trotter-off	217	68,742	\$274.08	1.32
233C	Leg, trotter-off, partial bnl	57	27,448	\$409.64	1.72
233E	Leg, steamship	19	13,513	\$369.38	(2.95)
233F	Hindshank	70	13,015	\$328.92	(5.52)
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	185	58,955	\$408.66	2.43
234A	Leg, shank off, bnl	97	24,139	\$446.37	13.20
234B	Leg, 2-way boneless	5	912	\$383.19	2.52
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	81	12,653	\$484.50	11.01
234G	Sirloin, boneless	16	1,678	\$428.84	(14.07)
236	Back, trimmed	27	321	\$575.55	0.19
238	Trimnings	30	2,932	\$252.51	2.32
295	Lamb for stewing	72	10,320	\$460.24	(7.40)
296	Ground lamb	104	15,331	\$379.12	3.93
	Necks	29	3,027	\$85.89	(0.59)

FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	14	11,663	\$421.78	(36.74)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	5	11,912	\$454.23	7.98
209	Breast	5	47,592	\$72.16	(1.72)
	Breast, bulk	5	44,322	\$70.53	0.34
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	4	347	\$274.56	
210	Foreshank	11	3,894	\$314.28	(1.87)
232A	Loins, short-cut, 0x0	3	9,466	\$526.11	0.00
232E	Flank, untrimmed	3	6,591	\$40.92	0.00
233A	Leg, trotter-off	4	7,672	\$228.13	12.17
233F	Hindshank	5	829	\$304.27	
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	8	4,751	\$369.47	0.00
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	19	1,879	\$527.79	(3.18)
238	Trimnings	8	4,220	\$146.79	(114.49)
295	Lamb for stewing	20	8,180	\$422.54	1.83
296	Ground lamb	20	2,374	\$313.11	(2.59)
	Necks	21	45,112	\$37.47	0.46

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WEEKLY LAMB PELTS PRICE REPORT, FOB Major Production Points

Per Piece Price

Pelt activity this week compared to last week: Packer sorted green salted pelts steady to mostly 1.00 lower. Demand reported light for moderate offerings and light trading.

PELT TYPES:	PACKER, SEED FREE,	SHORN	UNSHORN	Price Range
Fall Clips	5.00 - 8.00	Wools		3.00 - 6.00
No. 1	4.00 - 7.00	Pickling skins		1.50 - 3.25
No. 2	3.00 - 6.00	**Springers;		6.00 - 7.00
No. 3	2.00 - 3.00	Western Slope,		7.50 - 8.00
No. 4	1.00 - 2.00	California,		
		Idaho,		7.50 - 8.00
Imperial's		Kansas,		
Fall Clips		Midwest,		
No. 1		Native(Gray)		
No. 2				

Livestock Mandatory Reporting on Negotiated, Formula and Contract trades last week showed 21,434 pelts consisting of 71.38% woolled, 26.58% Fall Shorn No.1, 2.03 No.2, 0.00% No.3&4.

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SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Monday, December 08, 2008 (est)	10,000	Week to Date (est)	10,000
Week Ago (est)	10,000	Same Pd Lt Wk (est)	10,000
Year Ago(act)	10,000	Same Pd Lt Yr (act)	10,000

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USDA ESTIMATED NATIONAL LAMB CARCASS CUTOUT

Based on 5-Day Rolling weighted average FOB plant prices collected under Mandatory Price Reporting and industry yields.

	CUTS	FOB PRICE	CHANGE	%CARCASS	LBS.
204	RACK, 8-RIB MEDIUM	535.87	-2.78	10.77%	7.33
209	BREAST **	76.39	-0.48	8.85%	6.02
207	SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	230.72	1.66	23.53%	16.00
210	FORESHANK	310.69	0.20	3.82%	2.60
	NECK **	40.51	0.23	2.22%	1.51
232	LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	396.09	-1.99	10.97%	7.46
232E	FLANK UNTRIMMED **	47.93	-0.66	3.39%	2.30
233A	LEG, TROTTER OFF	274.08	1.33	31.88%	21.68
GROSS CARCASS VALUE:		264.03	0.24	95.45%	64.90
FORESADDLE VALUE		267.39	0.12	49.20%	33.46
HINDSADDLE VALUE		286.45	0.40	46.24%	33.45

Carcass value less process/packageing per cwt cost of \$31.50
NET CARCASS VALUE 232.53 0.24

* Shrink and trim of 3.10 lb's not reflected in cutout value
* Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass Weight of 68 lbs. for W/E 11/22/08, unchanged from last week.
**Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

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NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY for Monday, December 08, 2008

No comparison at Goldthwaite, TX due to the holiday.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3:
Virginia: woolled 90-130 lbs 103.00-119.00.
Goldthwaite: 90-100 lbs no test.

Slaughter Lambs: Good and Choice 1-2:
Goldthwaite: 40-80 lbs 100.00-120.00; 90-120 lbs 113.00-125.00.
Virginia: 60-90 lbs 123.50.

Slaughter Ewes: Good and Choice 2-4 34.00-35.00; Utility 1-2 25.00-30.00; Cull 1 30.00.
Goldthwaite: Utility and Good 1-3 35.00-47.00.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:
Virginia: 40-60 lbs 95.00-111.00; 60-90 lbs 103.00-125.50.
Goldthwaite: no test.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:
Goldthwaite: no test.

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FRI 12/05/2008	WEEK-TO-DATE	YR-TO-DATE	YR-TO-DATE	PERCENT
		2008	2007	CHANGE
Slaughter				
Lambs	0	0	0	0
Ewes	0	2,298	100,961	108,242
Breeding Males	0	0	0	0
Breeding Females	0	0	0	0
Total	0	2,298	100,961	108,242 - 6.73%

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SPECIAL REPORTS

ESTIMATED WEEKLY MEAT PRODUCTION UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Total red meat production under Federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, December 06, 2008 was estimated at 968.7 million lbs. according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Marketing Service. This was 11.7 percent higher than a week ago and 4.8 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 2.9 percent higher compared to the previous year.

Meat Production (millions of pounds)					
(excludes condemned)					
Week Ending	Beef	Calf/Veal	Pork (2)	Lamb/Mutton	Totals
(3)					
06-Dec-08	481.9	2.8	480.6	3.4	968.7
29-Nov-08	446.2	2.3	415.9	2.7	867.1
Change:	8.0%	21.7%	15.6%	25.9%	11.7%
08-Dec-07	524.9	2.4	486.6	3.7	1017.6
Change:	-8.2%	16.7%	-1.2%	-8.1%	-4.8%
2008 YTD	24618.7	129.6	21614.2	155.0	46517.5
2007 YTD	24592.1	126.7	20344.4	164.0	45227.2
Change:	0.1%	2.3%	6.2%	-5.5%	2.9%

(1)Previous week estimates may be revised. Year ago data are actuals.
(2) Excludes lard. (3) Totals may not add due to rounding.
2008 totals are subject to revision

Livestock Slaughter (head)				
Week Ending	Cattle	Calves/Vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lambs
06-Dec-08	618,000	20,000	2,373,000	50,000
29-Nov-08	572,000	17,000	2,057,000	40,000
Change:	8.0%	17.6%	15.4%	25.0%
08-Dec-07	666,000	14,000	2,377,000	52,000
Change:	-7.2%	42.9%	-0.2%	-3.8%
2008 YTD	31,791,000	866,000	107,762,000	2,222,000
2007 YTD	31,823,000	698,000	101,138,000	2,371,000
Change:	-0.1%	24.1%	6.5%	-6.3%

Average Weights (lbs)				
Week Ending	Live:	Cattle	Calves/Vealers	Hogs
Sheep/Lambs				
06-Dec-08	Estimate	1303	239	272
29-Nov-08	Estimate	1304	238	271
08-Dec-07	Actual	1312	297	274
Change:				
06-Dec-08	Estimate	783	140	203
29-Nov-08	Estimate	783	140	202
08-Dec-07	Actual	791	178	205

*2007 slaughter totals adjusted to reflect NASS revisions

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